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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-English language:

1. Japanese patent application publication no. 2000-4457. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application. An English language abstract of this document is also enclosed.

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